

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (July-September 2012)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 09/12/12, 7pm, 30 min.

This past Sunday the New York times published an opinion piece with an explosive allegation - that a Lexington public school had disciplined a five-year-old child by locking her in a mop closet. Now, outraged parents are pushing administrators to explain what happened.

Greater Boston, L 09/14/12, 7pm, 30 min.

At Harvard University the new academic year has gotten off to an embarrassing start. In late August the college announced it was investigating more than 100 students for cheating - calling the scope of the allegations "unprecedented." The scandal has already spread to Harvard's up-and-coming basketball team - and it may go further.

Greater Boston, L 08/15/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Lowell native and social entrepreneur Gerald Chertavian discusses his new book, A Year Up, about his experience creating the Year Up program which sees young urban adults as an untapped economic asset.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 07/11/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Is the housing market bouncing back? Greater Boston checks the pulse of the housing market.

Greater Boston, L 07/20/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The former Roxbury residence of Malcolm X was recently added to National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of endangered places. Greater Boston goes inside the house to see what's being done to preserve a piece of national history.

Greater Boston, L 08/09/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Needham homeowners are upset over NStar's plans to cut down any trees near its transmission lines, which will have a dramatic impact on their yards. NStar says the tree removal is necessary to prevent power outages.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 07/17/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Has new evidence surfaced in the disappearance of Molly Bish? Private investigator Tom Shamshak discusses the details surrounding the Bish case with Emily.

Greater Boston, L 09/07/12, 7pm, 30 min.

A "culture of sexual entitlement." That's the verdict from a task force that looked at Boston University's hockey team after two players were accused of sexual assault last season. Now the school is promising changes - and students say it's about time.

Greater Boston, L 09/14/12, 7pm, 30 min.

For years, Roxbury's Blue Hill Avenue has been a hotspot for all the wrong reasons - a stretch where drugs, prostitutes and violence are all too easy to come by. But now the city of Boston is working with local residents to push bad influences out of the neighborhood - and their efforts may be bearing fruit.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, 07/27/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Boston Mayor Tom Menino is in the spotlight for telling Chick-fil-A it isn't welcome in Boston because of the fast food chain's reputation for being anti-gay. Should the mayor bar companies that conflict with his values?

Greater Boston, 08/08/12, 7pm, 30 min.

A group of minority police officers claim Boston has tolerated racism for far too long.

Greater Boston, 05/29/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Strolling down Newbury Street just got a bit complicated? Whether walking, driving, or just trying to cross from one side to the other, it's an obstacle filled with tricky pedestrian routes, limited parking and an eyesore for tourists.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 07/17/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The price of lobster is so cheap that restaurants and seafood shacks are practically giving away the once-pricey shellfish. But while the news might delight consumers, the falling prices have local lobstermen worried about shrinking paychecks.

Greater Boston, L 07/11/12, 7pm, 30 min.

At least five sharks have been sighted off the coast of Cape Cod in the past 10 days. Wendy Northcross of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce talks with Emily about how the Cape's newest visitors are affecting tourism.

Greater Boston, N 07/20/12, 11pm, 30 min.

State Street Bank says it's committed to Massachusetts and employs thousands locally. But one former employee says that hasn't stopped the bank from quietly shifting some jobs overseas.

VI. Environment/Ecology

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Greater Boston, L 08/03/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Record-breaking temperatures and abnormally dry conditions have scorched much of the Midwest - leaving dried up river banks and shriveled produce wilting in the fields. Back here in Massachusetts, things aren't nearly as bad, but meager rainfalls mean farmers aren't completely out of the woods.

Greater Boston, L 08/08/12, 7pm, 30 min.

U.S. Representative Ed Markey says climate change will decimate New England's economy and he accuses Republican leaders of being in denial about it.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 07/25/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The Patriot Ledger recently revealed a shockingly high number of fatal drug overdoses in South Shore communities. Greater Boston hears from a mother who lost her son to addiction, and what community leaders are doing about it.

Greater Boston, L 07/31/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Ever wish you could make unwanted cellulite just disappear? A new procedure promises to erase cellulite with just one treatment.

Money and Medicine, N 09/28/12, 7pm, 30 min.

As rising health care costs threaten to bankrupt the country, Money and Medicine tackles the medical, ethical and financial challenges of containing runaway health care spending. In addition to illuminating the so-called waste and overtreatment that pervade our medical system, this documentary explores promising ways to reduce health care expenditures while improving the overall quality of medical care.

VIII. Economy/Business

Greater Boston, L 07/31/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Greater Boston's 1 GUEST series continues with Legal Sea Foods President and CEO Roger Berkowitz. Find out why there's much more to the seafood tycoon than simply fish and chips.

Greater Boston, L 08/02/12, 7pm, 30 min.

This week, Gov. Patrick signed a compact authorizing the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's proposed casino in Taunton. Greater Boston traveled to Taunton to see how residents are reacting to having a casino in their community.

Greater Boston, L 08/07/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Greater Boston's 1 GUEST series continues today with Stephen Mindich, CEO and Publisher of The Boston Phoenix. Mindich's media empire is in the midst of major changes. This past May he sold WFNX-FM and he's ready to transform the newspaper into a glossy magazine this fall.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Islamic Art: Mirror Of The Invisible World, N 07/06/12, 9pm, 90 min.

This program celebrates the artistic legacy of the Muslim world. It is organized around five elemental themes: the word, space, ornament, color and water. The film provides a window into a culture of increasing importance to us and sheds light on the shared histories between western culture and Islamic culture, revealing over time, much more continuity than division.

Greater Boston, L 07/06/12 7pm, 30 min.

The divorce of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes has renewed the debate about the Church of Scientology and its controversial methods.

Moyers & Company, N 08/26/12 17:00pm, 60 min.

Weeks before Republican Paul Ryan was selected to run for vice president, Sister Simone Campbell -- who heads NETWORK, a Catholic policy and lobbying group -- hit the road to protest the so-called "Ryan budget" recently passed by the House of Representatives. She and some of her sister nuns rolled across the heartland on a bus trip designed to arouse public concern over what the Ryan plan would mean for social services in America, especially its slashing of programs for the poor.